

Department of Economics

Master's thesis cand.oecon and cand.scient.oecon

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Agenda

- General information about rules and regulations for writing a thesis at MSc in Economics and Math-Econ by Head of Studies, Christian Kronborg
- Collaboration with companies etc. by Lasse Sjulstok Klokke, SDU RIO

Purpose of the master's thesis

- Completes the study programme
- Independently formulate a well-defined problem by application of economic theory and/or economic methodology
- Collect information (data, literature etc.)
- Analyse the problem
- Structure a written report
- Present the thesis and its results orally
- Discuss and reflect on the subject

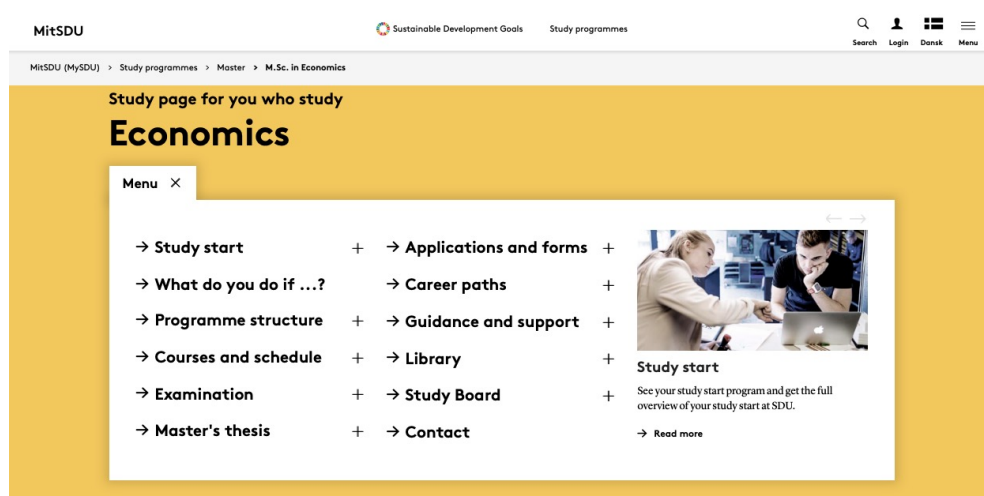
Conditions

- Before starting the thesis, the student must have passed at least 60 ECTS.
- The supervision agreement must be approved by the supervisor and the profile responsible

The proces and important deadlines

	spring semester	Autumn semester
Registration for the course as for other courses	Standard deadline for course registration	Standard deadline for course registration
Information meeting	Announced via student email and in Blackboard Communities	Announced via student email and in Blackboard communities
Register for allocation of supervisor before	1 November	1 May
Supervisors allocated at the latest	1 December	1 June
Supervisor agreement approved	15 January	15 August
Thesis report submitted	1 June	2 January

Find information on mitsdu.dk – The Master's Thesis Project



See an overview of important deadlines in the thesis process below.

Overview of the process:

1. Attend the information meeting +
2. Register your idea for a topic - use this form +
3. Register for the "course" Master's thesis +
4. You are assigned a supervisor +
5. Get approval of problem statement and plan for supervision (the supervisor agreement) +
6. Work on your thesis according to the plan +
7. Hand in on time +
8. Oral defense +

Where to find a topic, examples

- OECD (www.oecd.org)
- Eurostat (<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>)
- Ministries
 - Ministry of Health (www.sum.dk)
 - Ministry of Economic Affairs and Interior (www.oim.dk)
 - Ministry of Finance (www.fm.dk)
- Government agencies, for example
 - Danish Health Authority (Sundhedsstyrelsen, (www.sst.dk))
 - Danish Transport, Construction and Housing Agency (www.trafikstyrelsen.dk)
 - Konkurrence- og Forbrugerstyrelsen (www.kfst.dk)
- Rockwool Fonden
- VIVE – The Danish Centre for Applied Social Science
- Danish Economic Councils (www.dors.dk)
- Consultancies, companies, organisations

Project ideas

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- Economic History
- Finance
- Math-Econ

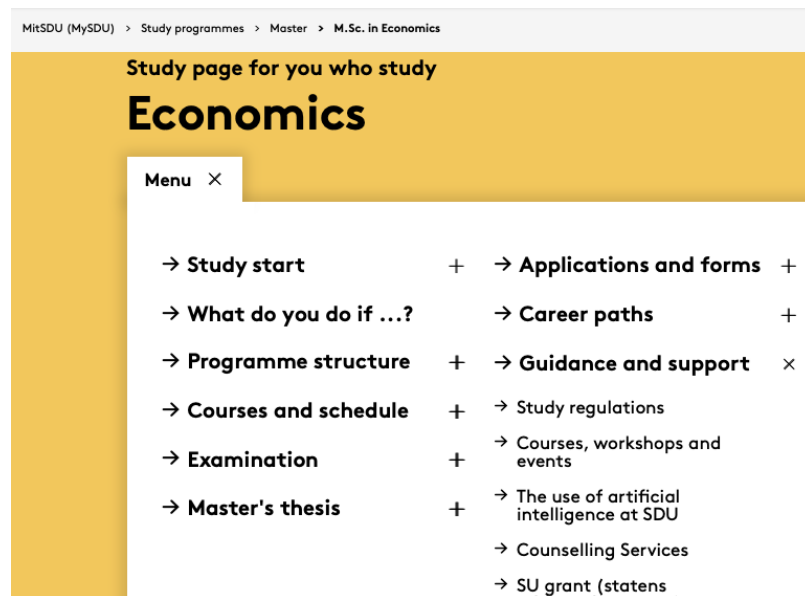
- Awards
 - DJØF Specialepris
 - Social- og Byggestyrelsens specialepris

- Thesis places, for example
 - Det Økonomiske Råds sekretariat
 - Finansministeriet

Comply with good academic practice

- Make sure you know how to cite and refer to literature and other material
- You must know about the university's rule for exams
- Do not cheat

Generative AI



→ SDU's guidelines available on mitsdu.dk
→ May be adjusted with effect from the start of a new semester

→ Useful learning tool
→ Review and feedback on text/language
→ Structuring ideas and content
→ Summarise information
→ Brainstorming and idea generation

→ Be critical of AI output
→ Can be biased
→ Can hallucinate

→ Generative AI may share information

→ Your responsibility to follow good academic practice

More information

- Course description
- Web-site for Master's thesis
 - Formalities for written assignments
- Use the library
 - Courses and events
 - Literature search
 - Information retrieval
 - Access to databases
 - Reference management
 - Thesis writing
 - Responsible conduct of research

Thesis workshop

- In December, tba
 - Identification and writing a problem statement
 - Planning your project
 - Supervision

- During the spring semester
 - Thesis structure
 - Academic writing
 - Prepare for the final exam

- Graduation ceremony
Wednesday 25th June 2024 at 15:00